

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 703

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ms. Bertie Ketner on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Bertie Ketner will celebrate her 100th birthday on February 15, 2008, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, this significant birthday will be celebrated with a parade through the hallways of the Life Care Center of Jefferson City, where Ms. Ketner resides, followed by a party in her honor; and

WHEREAS, the occasion will be commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present, and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of farming parents, Ms. Ketner was born and raised in Jefferson City, where she is a highly respected member of the community; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Ms. Ketner served with diligence and dexterity as a cook at Helma's, in which position she earned the respect of her superiors and the customers alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 1924, Bertie Ketner was joined in marriage with Jesse Ketner, and the couple's blessed union produced three sons and one daughter; and

WHEREAS, as Bertie Ketner approaches her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; she attributes her long life to this busy schedule and enjoys playing bingo, solving puzzles, and making crafts; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ketner is also an active and devout member of the Paw Paw Hollow Baptist Church, where she faithfully participates in Bible studies and church services; she receives regular visits from members of her church family; and

WHEREAS, on her birthday, Bertie Ketner will be inducted into the Century Club, a special distinction for resident centenarians of Life Care Centers of America, which honor will be commemorated by a plaque, a personalized letter from the founder of Life Care, and a professional photograph, which will be displayed in her Life Care facility and in the Life Care Museum on Aging in Cleveland, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Bertie Ketner on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.